

St. Cletus Parish Canticle

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ
Through Worship, Education and Service

600 W. 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



September 29, 2024 | Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Life certainly is SWEET with Grandfriends like ours! What a wonderful day we had celebrating Mass with all of our special friends followed by a beautiful reception put together by our FSA! Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make the event a success!"

Mission and Vision Statement

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Mt 28:19-20

Parish Office

(708) 352-6209
Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



stcletusparish.com



St. Cletus Parish



St. Cletus Church

St. Cletus School

(708) 352-4820
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700 W 55th St, La Grange, IL 60525



Directory

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Parish Information

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m. (English)
Streamed live: <https://www.youtube.com/@stcletusparish/streams>
7:15 a.m. (English)
8:45 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Español)

Confessions

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Baptisms / Bautizos

Contact the parish office
(708) 352 - 6209

Religious Education For Children Educación Religiosa Para Niños

Contact / Comuníquese con
Norma Hernandez (708) 968 - 6474

O.C.I.A

Contact the parish office.

Weddings

Please contact the parish office 6
months prior to the wedding date.

Quinceañeras y Presentaciones

Comuníquese con Juanita Avila al
(708) 215 - 5441.

Funerals

Contact the parish office.

St. Cletus School

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Mass Intentions

Saturday September 28	Rev. Michael Novick	5 p.m.	† Benjamin Patrick Hyink † Kurt Klecan † Ellen Benrus	† Michael John O'Connell Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday September 29	Rev. Alexander Garcia	7:15 a.m.	† Julia Kopacz	
	Rev. Michael Novick	8:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of St Cletus CWC † Nick Brzezniak	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)
	Rev. John Lodge	10:30 a.m.	† Brian Luczak † Serafin Hernandez	† Gregorio Villajos JR † Joseph P. Kurcz
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	12:30 p.m.	† Gustavo Chavez † Audel Garcia † Rosario Garcia † Guillermo Hernandez Perez	† Por Las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Jose Luis Soto & Familia (Special Intention) Tina & Noah Lopez (Birthday)
Monday September 30	Rev. Alexander Garcia	8 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners	
Tuesday October 1	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	† Adam and Marie Pietrzak † Robinson Family	† Irene Wisniewski † Derek Klein
Wednesday October 2	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† B.C. & Rip Collins	† Robin Anne
Thursday October 3	Rev. Michael Novick	8 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners	
Friday October 4	Rev. Elmer Romero	8 a.m.	† Louie Marasovic † Nan & Bob Rettig † Ralph Kriho & daughter, Laura	† Frank Baggio † Frank Wojcik
Saturday October 5	Rev. Elmer Romero	5 p.m.	† Robert Hoffman † Ellen Benrus † Eugene Bender	† Eugene Copp Janet Boyer (Special Intention)
Sunday October 6	Rev. Elmer Romero	7:15 a.m.	† John and Frances Kennedy	† Patrick Mahoney
	Rev. John Lodge	8:45 a.m.	Health Blessing for John Prusko, Sr. (Living)	
	Rev. Alexander Garcia	10:30 a.m.	† Louis Berger † Sammy Colonna † Marco, Emilia Rattin & Bill De Pasquale	† Nancy Sarallo Alan And Kathy Gress (Special Intention)
	Rev. Michael Novick Dcn. Ramon Cazales	12:30 p.m.	† Jose Salgado & Mariana Marti † Jose Juan Martinez Mendoza	Viviana Quintero Camacho (Living)

Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Debbie Cote | Joanne Kasang | Jorea Touranjeau |
Caroline Mhley | Diana McHale | Dr. George Schein
| Claire Caueney | Rose Hammer | Ann Kuchta |
Cynthia Gosse | Denise & Rich Jandura | George &
Barb Zycam | June Matasic | Richard Madsen

Please remember our dead in your prayers:

† Mary Anne Matthews, Wife of Jim Matthews
† Allan Barski, Father of Dawn Pearente
† Charles Thomas Westerlund, Father of Erick Wes
† James Fernandez
† Lois Love

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35b

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday morning, September 17th, 2024, I had the blessing to pray and celebrate Mass with our children from our school. During my homily I asked them, "What is God doing at this moment for you?" I saw a lot of hands going up as I asked the question. One said, "He is blessing us." The second child said, "He keeps us safe." And the third one said, "He is watching us with love." No wonder why Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me." My heart felt the warmth of Jesus Christ through the faith, prayer, and active participation of our children in Mass.

Two days later, on Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at 1:15 PM, we had the blessing to celebrate the Annual Grandfriend's Mass in Church. We had over 630 people that joined us. They were seated with their grandchildren. Some parents and teachers served as ushers as they welcomed everyone to their pews. Children served at Mass as altar servers, lectors, gift bearers, cantor, and members of the choir. We were blessed to have Fr. Ron Kalas as the celebrant and homilist for this special Mass. As you know, Fr. Kalas radiates peace, joy, and the love of God. I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to him and to all who prepared this special liturgy with care and love.

Our parish is blessed with a good, kindhearted, and committed Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Active

members of St. Cletus parish, they love serving and sharing their faith and strengths with all of us. Out of their healthy relationship with God they are witnesses of kindness, reason, and generosity. Thanks to them, we were able to have an overnight retreat at Mundelein Seminary on Friday, September 20-21, 2024. I found the overnight retreat a blessing. I would like to offer my gratitude to Monica Herron, President of the PPC, for her fine leadership, and to all those who made the time. Please hold them in prayer.

This weekend, I am happy to share with you our Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Report through our parish bulletin. We ended the fiscal year (July 1st, 2024 – June 30th, 2024) with a surplus. I encourage you to look at the financial report, the message from Doug Morrissey, Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council, and Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director. We are blessed to have such a good and dedicated Parish Finance Council. Their witness, generosity, and counsel fill my heart with gratitude. I too experience God blessing us at St. Cletus every single day. I consider your witness,

generosity, and commitment to St. Cletus Parish as a blessing. As I offer you my gratitude, I ask the Lord to fill your hearts with his love and peace.

May our experience of God blessing us, keeping us safe, and watching us with love continue to grow.

Fr. Elmer Romero



A letter from the Associate Pastor's Desk

AUTUMN IS UPON US

Change is in the air. That's what we begin to see once the autumnal equinox rolls around.

It's also time when the Church begins to think forward. There are a mere 9 weeks of Ordinary Time to go before a new liturgical year will be upon us. Yet there are still plenty of activities going on at St. Cletus. October will bring the Pet Blessing, Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, the Parish Potluck, and an Evening of Rosary. Then November always begins with two major days in the Church calendar – the Solemnity of All Saints (a holy day of obligation) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. All of the above is to say that everyone is invited to attend and pray and celebrate.

Two Sundays ago, I spoke in my homily about how my dream for the Catholic Church would be that all of the Catholics who had stopped practicing their faith would all wake up on the same day and realize that just maybe they were wrong in leaving the faith – that maybe they thought “I was wrong to simply stereotype all priests and religious.” Or, “they don't really always talk about money.” There are plenty of other examples that COULD be used. Maybe even, “I've really missed the Eucharist.” But what if I told you that it truly COULD happen?

There are a couple of things that would need to happen to make that vision a reality. One of those things would be a full societal return to family values. While society has seen a sort of re-defining of what constitutes a “family” in terms of who or how many people are living

in a home, the basic feeling of being a family is less than it once was. There once existed parents and children who would say good morning, good night, and I love you. Now, parents and children barely have time to say not only those three phrases, but it is more take the children to athletics or events, with barely enough time for children to finish homework before 10:30pm. Does that work? Current societal norms might say yes, but invariably over time, the core of family doesn't last. And even more frequently, it becomes more of an issue when end of life issues occur. Children and grandchildren have less connection with their parents, grandparents, and guardians, and don't have good family time to process death and grief, especially being so far apart when children are old enough and move away. I've seen it all too often. And then the result is that children/grown-ups lose the ability to cope.

My own family upbringing, I realize, was much more traditional especially when it came to death. My brother and my cousins were always at wakes and funerals. Our parents wanted more for us. They didn't want us to struggle with death and end of life issues; instead, they helped us to navigate difficult situations and the importance of being able to process as a family.

End of life issues is merely one example of how family life can take a turn in a direction of improvement. They will never be easy, no matter how old we get, but becoming cold to such issues is not a good way to handle things. Real family support goes a long way.

More soon. Fr. Mike

School News: Meet one of our School Board Members, Kevin Morelock

My name is Kevin Morelock. My wife and I have two sons currently attending St. Cletus School.

I attended grammar school at St. Albert the Great, graduated from St. Rita of Cascia High School, and then obtained a bachelor's degree of Science from St. Xavier University. My Catholic upbringing played a big part in my life while growing up. I asked to join the school board last year because I want to be a part of St. Cletus' community and help any way I can to foster and maintain a wonderful learning environment for my



children and the future generations of Catholics.

My wife and I love to encourage our sons to get involved in as many activities as possible to help foster a sense of community and belonging. This year we plan on doing chess, cross country, track and field, football, basketball, volleyball, as well as all the other annual events scheduled. We typically go to

1030 mass when we are not visiting my parents at their parish for weekend mass.

Annual Report

Message from the Parish Finance Council

Dear Fellow St. Cletus Parishioners,

The Finance Council is a consultative body whose purpose is to advise the pastor and assist him with his financial responsibilities. The Council members are committed to understanding the state of the Parish's finances so that we can work with Fr. Elmer Romero and the Parish staff to understand the needs of the Parish and help form long-range plans to ensure that the Parish can meet its responsibilities.

Please take a look at the Balance Sheets, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, and Summary of the Parish Financial Report for the last fiscal year. We are pleased to note that both the Parish and the School had positive net operating incomes for the year. Just as importantly, we are pleased that the Parish has been able to do so while continuing and even expanding the important work of its ministries.

Starting with our 2022 message, the Finance Council has regularly addressed the Parish's debt to the Archdiocese stemming from the 2013 "To Teach Who Christ Is" fundraising campaign. In 2021 that debt stood at \$675,000. In the past three years the Parish has made payments of nearly \$160,000, including a \$60,000 payment during the past year. Although the debt remains substantial, it does not accrue any interest or penalties. The Finance Council continues to be cognizant of this obligation, and is committed to assisting the Parish to fully satisfy it.

2023 saw the return of the Fall Fest, which was a great success. That success was repeated last month, thanks to the efforts of the Parish staff and the many, many volunteers. Particular thanks go out to Sara and John Hodak, who have chaired the effort for more than two years. In addition to being a focal point for the Parish and the community, the Fall Fest raises important funds for the Parish and the school.

The members of the Finance Council are grateful for the efforts of Deacon Franco Foti (Parish Operations Director) and Jim Dion (Business Manager) for their efforts in compiling and preparing the financial statements. We would also like to acknowledge their tireless efforts to reduce Parish expenses while attending to necessary repairs and increased maintenance operations across the Parish campus.

As always, we ask for your continued support and prayers.

Thank you,

The St. Cletus Parish Finance Council

Jonathan Andrews
Renee Callaghan
Jim Gorman

Doug Morrissey
Patty Morrissey
Bob Persa

Tom Reisel
Adriana Varela
John Vincent

Please use this email finance@stcletusparish.com or call the rectory 708-352-6209 with any questions.

Annual Report

Message from Deacon Franco Foti, Operations Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your loyal support and commitment to St. Cletus Parish. I am pleased to share the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024. As the Operations Director, I feel very fortunate to have been a part of St. Cletus Parish for the past 14 months and witnessed your generosity.

Looking back on this past year, I am truly thankful for the outpouring of community support that allowed St. Cletus Parish to continue its mission. I am optimistic about this community's future, and I am very grateful for the generous support of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, the different ministries, volunteers, staff members, and all parishioners.

Thank you for supporting our mission to bring the message of our Lord Jesus Christ to everyone in this corner of the world. May you always be abundantly blessed.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Franco Foti

Operations Director

Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2024

	Total	
	As of Jun 30, 2024	As of Jun 30, 2023 (PP)
Assets		
Parish Checking/Payroll Bank Accounts/Petty Cash	1,212,850	1,229,512
Parish Savings Accounts at Archdiocesan Bank	69,770	11,912
Parish "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account at Archdiocesan Bank	0	0
Parish Organizations-Auxiliary Groups / Food Pantry	605,332	538,798
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	2,578	2,482
Restricted School Endowment investments (1)	574,842	515,213
Unrestricted Parish investments at market value	432,788	394,364
Restricted Building Fund at Arch Bank (Sound System) (1)	6,997	13,097
Restricted Parish Center Building Campaign Fund Accounts (1)	13,993	13,351
Total Assets	2,919,149	2,718,730
LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(1)	3,142
Other Payroll Withholdings	0	0
Tuition Deposits	62,480	42,889
Archdiocesan Obligations (TTWCI) (2)	515,110	575,110
Parish and School PPP Loan Proceeds	0	0
Other Current Liabilities	(16,987)	292
Total Liabilities	560,601	621,432
Total Net Assets	2,358,548	2,097,298
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2,919,149	2,718,730

(1) - Restricted funds are not available for general parish operations.

(2) - Obligation to the Archdiocese Related to the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign.

Annual Report

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	Church, REP,		Combined	Previous Yr	year over
	Food Pantry	School	Church and School FY 2024	FY2023	year difference
Income					
3000 Sunday and Holy Day Collections	1,249,210.08		1,249,210.08	1,219,142.65	30,067.43
3020 Christmas Collection	180,986.26		180,986.26	167,243.02	13,743.24
3030 Easter Collection	84,483.00		84,483.00	85,048.54	(565.54)
3040 Other Collections	6,774.19		6,774.19	6,742.00	32.19
3100 Tuition	73,395.50	1,485,457.57	1,558,853.07	1,640,710.57	(81,857.50)
3110 Fees	1,515.00	150,638.10	152,153.10	169,247.59	(17,094.49)
3350 Lease and/or Rental Income				36,000.00	(36,000.00)
3400 Outside Funding Sources		169,117.07	169,117.07	159,051.26	10,065.81
3450 Fund Raising Net Income	31,730.21	192,964.02	224,694.23	185,740.56	38,953.67
3500 Interest & Investment Income	39,146.39	60,430.31	99,576.70	7,361.45	92,215.25
3600 Auxiliary Groups	9,688.62	(3,281.93)	6,406.69	39,851.07	(33,444.38)
3700 Miscellaneous Income	320,845.66	63,120.33	383,965.99	342,693.51	41,272.48
Total Income	\$ 1,997,774.91	\$ 2,118,445.47	\$ 4,116,220.38	\$ 4,058,832.22	\$ 57,388.16
Gross Profit	\$ 1,997,774.91	\$ 2,118,445.47	\$ 4,116,220.38	\$ 4,058,832.22	\$ 57,388.16
Expenses					
4010 Salaries	781,907.95	1,285,463.19	2,067,371.14	1,981,452.42	85,918.72
4030 Health Insurance-Employer Paid	114,618.24	253,211.76	367,830.00	336,616.59	31,213.41
4040 Employer FICA	47,470.98	92,751.16	140,222.14	133,659.95	6,562.19
4050 Fringe Benefits	50,389.00	78,644.00	129,033.00	121,803.00	7,230.00
4060 Prof. Growth/Minist./Other	11,508.54	(1,412.70)	10,095.84	11,652.63	(1,556.79)
4100 Books & Supplies,Non-Liturgical	29,591.01	18,875.20	48,466.21	88,177.73	(39,711.52)
4150 Administrative Expenses	78,647.35	31,132.46	109,779.81	102,809.76	6,970.05
4200 Transportation	1,853.10		1,853.10	1,621.38	231.72
4250 Food Service & Meals	51,964.50	5,132.12	57,096.62	53,206.68	3,889.94
4400 Telephone	10,972.81	5,451.55	16,424.36	15,638.16	786.20
4410 Heating Fuel	20,111.50	24,448.37	44,559.87	63,376.09	(18,816.22)
4420 Electricity	29,105.46	23,125.82	52,231.28	48,443.44	3,787.84
4430 Other Utilities	13,779.98	30,871.33	44,651.31	41,418.61	3,232.70
4450 Maintenance & Building Repairs	46,507.12	41,476.38	87,983.50	95,053.05	(7,069.55)
4650 Altar & Liturgical Supplies	54,899.91		54,899.91	60,481.11	(5,581.20)
4700 Furnishings & Equipment	28,184.99	9,380.39	37,565.38	50,743.36	(13,177.98)
4750 Archdiocesan Assessment	157,896.00		157,896.00	150,684.00	7,212.00
4760 PRMAA Assessment	55,260.00		55,260.00	52,740.00	2,520.00
4770 OCS Assessment		16,532.00	16,532.00	15,958.00	574.00
4780 Property/Casualty Insurance	53,999.40	80,999.16	134,998.56	130,611.60	4,386.96
4790 Auto Insur-Priest Owned Vehicle	3,284.00		3,284.00	2,986.00	298.00
4800 Miscellaneous	141,224.94	16,453.59	157,678.53	154,788.64	2,889.89
Total Expenses	\$ 1,783,176.78	\$ 2,012,535.78	\$ 3,795,712.56	\$ 3,713,922.20	81,790.36
Net Operating Income	\$ 214,598.13	\$ 105,909.69	\$ 320,507.82	\$ 344,910.02	(24,402.20)
Other Income					
5010 Sharing Collections Oth Parish	25.00		25.00	-	25.00
5030 Arch Required Collections	57,221.56		57,221.56	51,446.27	5,775.29
5050 Estates, Bequests & Memorials	19,161.70	470.00	19,631.70	27,932.98	(8,301.28)
5060 Other Extraordinary Income	30,544.36		30,544.36	35,981.90	(5,437.54)
5110 Fund Collections	11,034.64		11,034.64	-	11,034.64
5120 Capital Collections	1,055.00	300.00	1,355.00	5,069.00	(3,714.00)
Total Other Income	\$ 119,042.26	\$ 770.00	\$ 119,812.26	\$ 120,430.15	(617.89)
Other Expenses					
6030 Pymt Arch Required Collections	57,370.56		57,370.56	51,446.27	5,924.29
6060 Other Extraordinary Expenses	835.81		835.81	3,414.60	(2,578.79)
6100 Capital Purchase or Construct	416.84		416.84	373.80	43.04
6110 Capital Improvements	96,336.49	24,110.00	120,446.49	174,990.08	(54,543.59)
Total Other Expenses	\$ 154,959.70	\$ 24,110.00	\$ 179,069.70	\$ 230,224.75	(51,155.05)
Net Other Income	\$ (35,917.44)	\$ (23,340.00)	\$ (59,257.44)	\$ (109,794.60)	50,537.16
Net Income	\$ 178,680.69	\$ 82,569.69	\$ 261,250.38	\$ 235,115.42	26,134.96

For a more detailed report, please visit our website under About/Resources and Documents

Annual Report

Summary of the Parish Annual Report for fiscal year 2024

- Collections. Sunday, Holy Day, and Christmas and Easter collections totaled \$1,514,679.34. While post-COVID Mass attendance is down by about 12.26% compared to pre-COVID attendance, our weekly collections are only down about 3.15% from pre-COVID levels. Of course, this is not just an issue with our Parish; this is an issue with all parishes. Thank you for your continued generosity.
- “To Teach Who Christ Is” Debt. The Parish reduced this debt by \$60,000, leaving a balance of \$515,109.74. This debt is explained in more detail in messages from the Finance Council in the preceding two fiscal years.
- School Funding. In previous years the Parish has provided financial support to the School. This past fiscal year, however, the School was financially self-sufficient. Due to the profit from the Fall Fest, cost savings in payroll and books and supplies, and fantastic fundraising efforts by students, parents, and supporters, the School had a net operating income of \$82,569.69.
- Net Operating Income. The Parish finished the June 30, 2024, fiscal year with a net operating income of \$214,598.13 (includes Food Pantry net income of \$71,445.16).
- Investment Gains. The Parish’s investment accounts had a net unrealized gain of \$38,423.40. The school’s investment account had a net unrealized gain of \$59,628.30. Because investment gains and losses are not part of the Parish’s/School’s normal operations, they are not considered in determining the parish’s/school’s operating income but rather considered Other Revenue.
- Parish Data:

Registered families: 1,350

Baptisms: 104

Marriages: 13

Funerals: 71

School Enrollment: 278 Pre-K- 8th grade

Religious Education: 410

Communions: 115

Confirmations: 93



ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 6:00 P.M.

PARISH CENTER

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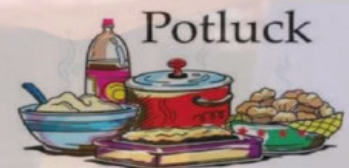
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Parish Life

Date	Time	Events	Location
Tuesday, October 1	3 p.m.	School Faculty Meeting	Gallagher Room
	6 p.m.	Pilot Alpha (English)	Gallagher Room
	7 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Committee Meeting.	Rectory
Wednesday, October 2	9 a.m.	Mission Ladies	Gallagher Room
	1 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	Gallagher Room
	1 p.m.	Living Rosary	Church
	7 p.m.	Lectors– Continuing Education Class	Gallagher Room
	7 p.m.	Lectors– Continuing Education Class (Spanish)	Room 213
Thursday, October 3	All Day	St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck	Parking Lot (West Side)
	8:00 a.m.	School Picture Day	Morrissey Hall
	4 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution	Food Pantry
	7 p.m.	Year 2: Confirmation Parent Meeting	Morrissey Hall
Friday, October 4	All Day	St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck	Parking Lot (West Side)
	6:00 p.m.	Alpha Piloto (Spanish)	Gallagher Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Holy Name Society Meeting	Gallagher Room
Saturday, October 5	All Day	St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck	Parking Lot (West Side)
	9 a.m	ICN Resume Review	Gallagher Room
	11:30 a.m	Altar Server Training	Church
	4:30 p.m.	Baby Bottle Distribution	Church
Sunday, October 6	During Masses	Baby Bottle Distribution	Church

Readings of the week

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-1

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

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Ministerio Hispano

Fecha	Hora	Evento	Lugar
Domingo, 29 de septiembre	12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español <i>Spanish Mass</i>	Iglesia
Martes, 1 de octubre	7:00 p.m.	Adoración al Santísimo <i>Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Iglesia
Segundo sábado de cada mes	8 p.m. - 5 a.m.	Misa, Confesiones, Adoración Nocturna <i>Mass, Confessions, Nocturnal Adoration</i>	Iglesia
Sábados	8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Confesiones	Iglesia
Cada 12 del mes	7:00 p.m.	Devoción Guadalupana / Guadalupe Devotion	Iglesia

Convivio para los Líderes del Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano tendrá una convivencia de hospitalidad para todos los líderes del Ministerio Hispano el 6 de octubre después de la Misa de 12:30 p.m. en la yarda que la iglesia. Estaremos disfrutando de unos deliciosos tacos y muchos antojitos mexicanos más.

Hispanic Ministry Leaders' Gathering

The Hispanic Ministry will have a hospitality fellowship for all Hispanic Ministry leaders on October 6 after the 12:30 p.m. Mass in the church yard. We will be enjoying delicious tacos and many more Mexican delicacies.

Educación Continua para todos los Lectores Hispanos

Habrá una reunión general para todos los Lectores del ministerio hispano el miércoles 2 de octubre a las 7:00 pm en el Gallagher Room. Compartirán sus experiencias en el Ministerio y descubrirán formas de crecer en el Ministerio.

Continuing Education for all Hispanic Lectors

There will be a general meeting for all Lectors in the Hispanic ministry on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm in Gallagher Room. They will be sharing their experiences in the Ministry and find out ways to growth in the Ministry.

Devoción Guadalupana

El Ministerio Hispano lleva a cabo la Devoción Guadalupana rezando el rosario todos los días 12 de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. Todos están invitados a participar.

Guadalupe Devotion

The Hispanic Ministry holds the Guadalupe Devotion by praying the rosary every 12th day of each month at 7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to participate.

Intenciones de Misa

Si desea una intención de misa para la Misa de 12:30 p.m., llame a la oficina principal (708)352-6209. Las intenciones de misa deben solicitarse antes del miércoles si su intención es para ese fin de semana y la donación sugerida por cada intención es de \$10.

Mass Intentions

If you would like a mass intention, please call the main office (708)352-6209. Mass intentions must be requested by Wednesday if your intention is for that weekend. Mass Intentions should be requested with anticipation, suggested donation per Mass Intention is \$10.

Holy Moments

Our recent Fall Fest was a blessed success and demonstrated who we are here at St. Cletus. I was so proud to witness such amazing collaboration between our school, parish, community, and even those who had no affiliation at all with St. Cletus. There was something for everyone – food, beverage, music, games, rides, and even tents for those who just wanted to relax, take in the crowd, and enjoy some nice weather. We should extend our sincere appreciation to Sara and John Hodak for their countless dedication in organizing the event from start to finish, to our parish and school leadership teams for supporting them, to each of our dedicated volunteers for donating their valuable time, and to our attendees for embracing our invitation and welcome.

-Michael Burns, School Board President



It was wonderful seeing so many people enjoying our beautiful Fall Fest weekend! My own family had a fantastic time on the rides, playing games, winning prizes and dunking Fr. Elmer in the dunk tank! An event this big is certainly a team effort. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this event a success, from set up to beer pouring, ride ticket sales to cleanup crew, running the raffles and info table to serving coffee, running bingo and everything in between. The Fall Fest Committee, staff, volunteers and our

co-chairs Sara and John Hodak did a wonderful job building on the success of previous years. Can't wait for next year!

- Kendall Grant, Director of Social Concerns



When I was principal, I always looked forward to our parish/school carnival. It was a time for us to celebrate our parish with the local community, who were able to observe the collaboration of parish and school families. The St. Cletus Fall Fest brings me that to those days, having the opportunity to work and enjoy the camaraderie, seeing some of my old friends from St. Joseph and having that opportunity to catch up and hearing they found new home at St. Cletus as I did five years ago when I was asked by Mr. Porod to come to St. Cletus as Chess Coach.”

- Larry Manetti, OCIA coordinator

Fall Fest 2024 was a magical experience. The lights, colors, conversations, food, and music all impacted in some way our senses enabling us to appreciate all God's gifts in our lives. Fall Fest 2024 also provided us with the opportunity to experience fellowship with new friends, neighbors

and community members. A fun time seemed to be had by everyone whether you were enjoying some food, a beverage, or the sights and sounds of the rides. Special thanks to our Fall Fest Coordinators John and Sara Hodak, the entire Fall Fest 2024 Committee, and the many volunteers who made these four days possible for us to experience at St. Cletus. Looking forward to Fall Fest 2025!

- Principal Gregory Porod



Catholic Council of Women (CCW)

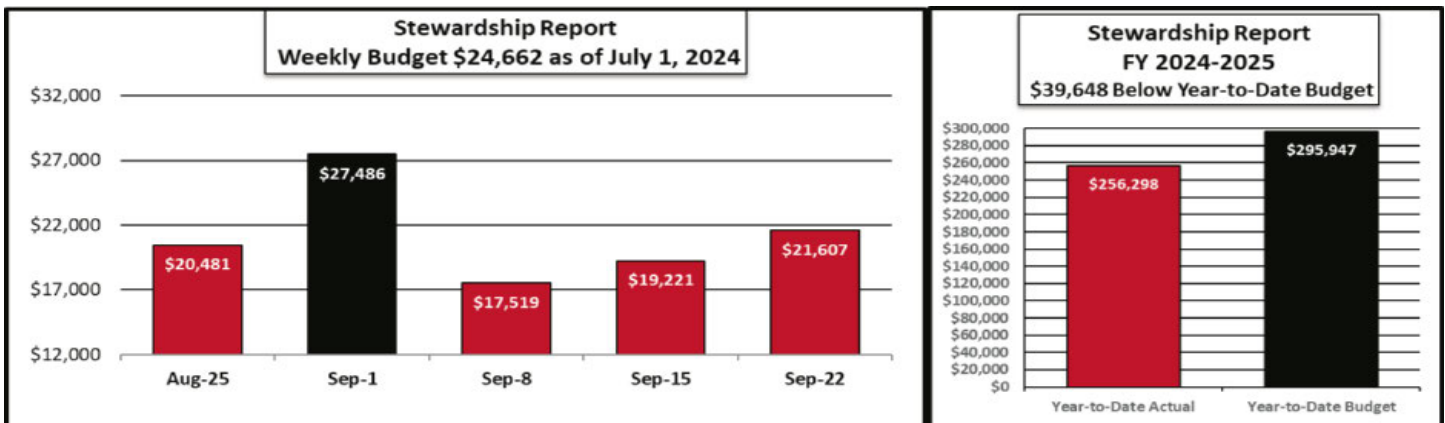
CCW installs new Board Members, presents Camy Award and celebrates Fr. Mike's Birthday with live entertainment.

The St. Cletus Conference of Catholic Women initiated a new year with the installation of 15 officers and presenting two members with our new CAMY award. CAMY stands for C=CCW, A- Amazing, M=Member, Y=of the Year. Since this is the first year for this award we presented it to not one, but two longtime, amazing members : **Magda Klein** and **Geri Hinton**. These ladies are always volunteering, no matter day or night to help out with our various activities . A well deserved congratulations to both. Please feel free to also pass on your congrats when you see them.



At the meeting we also celebrated Fr. Mike's birthday and enjoyed a concert of patriotic and nostalgic tunes given by the A La Carte group from the Choral-Aires Chorus of Addison.

If you're interested in joining our group, especially to help with our Annual Parish PotLuck Dinner on Saturday, October 19 please call 708-710-0644.



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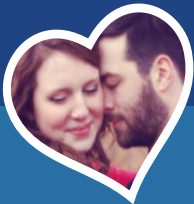
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